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SUBJECT: Food Safety Support for Commissaries

Some Public Health (PH) offices have been approached to delegate part of their food inspection responsibilities to other agencies. If this arrangement becomes necessary, a memorandum of agreement must be established which specifies Air Force PH food safety support and limits other agency's roles to supporting food quality assurance.

Air Force PH offices must offer complete food safety support to commissaries on Air Force bases. The food safety experience gained by PH personnel working with commissaries is critical in ensuring we are ready to support our wartime food safety mission. PH personnel must maintain wartime proficiency through regular hands-on practice in monitoring food safety concerns upon receipt. Food safety support includes: sanitary inspections, manager food safety training, damaged or temperature-abused food assessments, food safety consultations, food recall investigations, customer complaint investigations, and other areas involving food wholesomeness and safety.

Food safety support functions require a regular presence in the commissary. PH personnel must strive to develop a strong working relationship with commissary management at each base to ensure an open dialogue is present for rapid response to any food safety concerns or questions. They should offer assistance in resolving on-going food quality assurance concerns. The frequency and amount of this regular presence can be determined locally, but must be enough to offer complete food safety support. The need to maintain a permanent PH office at the commissary to provide food safety support is a local decision.

My point of contact for questions related to this guidance is Major Scott Brooks, DSN 240-1946, email Scott.Brooks@brooks.af.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gary H. Murray".

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